C. A. Seward

"A haze on the far horizon,
The infinite, tender sky,
The ripe, rich tint of the cornfields,
And the wild geese sailing high;
And all over upland and lowland
The charm of the golden-rod,-
Some of us call it Autumn,
And others call it God."
—William H. Carruth

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New Magazine in October

"Mission Today"

The Mission Council has combined Facts from the Field and the Envelope Series and published a new magazine entitled "Mission Today."

The aim of the magazine is to keep Our Christian World Mission alive in every one of our churches, and to enlist the wholehearted support of all our members for the mission program.

It includes facts, personal interest stories and interpretation of our mission work at home and abroad, as well as program plans and ideas, news about materials that are available and promotional projects that have proved successful.

Three copies of "Mission Today" have been mailed to all ministers, and additional copies may be requested. Further details about distribution are announced in the first issue.

To Strengthen The Fellowship

A real effort to draw the small marginal churches into the fellowship of the Associations and the State Conference will be carried out under the direction of Town and County Committee with the Rev. Louis Poppe, Chairman.

The Committee decided at its September 12 meeting to ask a specific neighboring minister of each church needing more evidence of fellowship concern to pay periodic visits to the church and community. Reports of each visit are to be forwarded to the State office.

We hope this plan will meet a much felt need. Because of the great distances between churches and the limited conference staff, it has been impossible to show enough friendly interest and concern of the fellowship to all the small and rather isolated churches.

Time To Renew

Late in October your "Congregational Kansas" Key person will receive a list of the present subscribers in your church, accompanied by a letter giving details.

Only churches having 20% or more of their total membership subscribing are entitled to the 50 cent rate; all others pay 75 cents.

Each year more churches are sending the magazine to every church family. How better can we make our churches aware of belonging to a fellowship much more far reaching than the local church?

In other churches one devoted person solicits subscriptions from every family. In still other churches the Pilgrim Fellowship young people handle the job efficiently.

Whatever your plan, try to get "Congregational Kansas" into every church home. Renewals and new subscriptions are due by December 1st.

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Around The World . . .
. . . With The American Board

MRS. JOHN W. GIBSON
World Traveler

A desire to learn about the work of the American Board around the world, has led Mrs. John W. Gibson of Wichita to plan a trip for that purpose to the farthest points of the earth.

On September 17, 1956, she set forth by plane to Los Angeles, from which place she flew to Hawaii, where a century ago, the American Board sent missionaries, who bringing the gospel to the Hawaiians, established churches which now are self-supporting. A letter from her after she reached Honolulu told of being presented three leis at the airport, visting with Mrs. Dorothy Chong, Dr. Nelson Dreier, the Lou Crosby's as well as Miss Carol Howell of Wichita Fairmount.

Japan will be her next stop, where our church has become a part of the Church of Christ in Japan. From Tokyo where the Pan American plane will leave her, she expects to go to Kobe, then to Kyoto, the home of Doshisha University, to Osaka, later to Nishinomiya of Kobe College fame and wherever else the Rev. Alden Matthews of the Interboard Field Committee Committee sees fit to send her.

Staying with missionaries whenever it is convenient, Mrs. Gibson will arrive October 19 in Hongkong. The Reverend Elmer Galt who represented us until recently, has been replaced by Dr. Kenneth Hobart, who coming from another denomination, works with Church World Service toward which the major Protestant denominations contribute, working cooperatively wherever the need arises. Flood, famine, earthquake, fire, war ravange and destruction, all affect millions, who count on Church World Service for help.

The islands of the Philippines will be seen by air as short trips from one island to the other are taken. To be in Mindanao seems almost incredible, for it was in Mindanao that Dr .Frank Laubach worked ten years with the Moros before one was converted to the Christian gospel. Brokenshire Memorial Hospital will be visted as will Silliman College at Dumaguete where Albert Faurot of Smith Center, Kansas, is located and where we are particularly interested in the College of Theology. In Los Banos, Dr. and Mrs. Lincoln Kelsey, New York

Congregationalists, will be her hosts as she visits the Filipino Agricultural College, which he is serving.

Then to Saigon, Viet Niam ,where Church World Service is under the supervision of Mr. Delbert Wiens and where Mrs. Gibson knows a Vietnamese librarian in the U. S. Information Library, Miss Gamilla Nguyen Kim Dink, who visited in Wichita last spring.

Reaching Delhi, India, that city will be the starting point for travel to the Taj Mahal at Agra, one of the wonders of the modern world. Bombay, Madras, Bangalore and Tiruchirapolli, India, are major airport stops in India, the later to board Air India to Jaffna, Ceylon. The Marathi mission is in the Bombay area and includes Ahmednagar, Wai, Poona and Satara as well as other stations. The Madura mission in South India embraces the Lucy Perry Noble Institute to which women of Plymouth, Wichita, have contributed scholarships for a number of years; several boarding schools, hospitals and dispensaries, also a leper asylum. The Church of South India which our denomination has joined with people of Presbyterian, Anglican and Methodist background has for its bishop, the Rt. Rev. J. E. L. Newbigin, a missionary of the Church of Scotland Mission.

In Ceylon, the church connected with the Mission is part of the Church of South India. Our work in two large hospitals is administered by Ceylonese Christians. The Green Memorial Hospital was established by the American Board in Manepay as long ago as 1850; the McLeod Hospital in 1898 in Inuvil.

Australia is next on the itinerary. The London Missionary Society, comparable to our American Board, has its headquarters for Australia and New Zealand in Petersham (near Sydney), South Wales. The Rev. Norman F. Cocks, its secretary was in Boston, Mass., this past summer and suggested that Mrs. Gibson arrive in Perth, Australia from Colombo, Ceylon, go on to Adelaide where an Australian Congregational friend lives in nearby Prospect, spend a few days in Melbourne and then enplane to Christchurch Auckland, New Zealand, returning to Sydney before flying to Johannesburg.

The London Missionary Society includes in its support the churches of Australia, and New Zealand. Missions in the South African field are assisted by them, as well as by the American Board. Also in India are areas served by the London Society.

While in Johannesburg observing the Jan Hofmeyr School of Social Work, Mrs. Gibson also hopes to learn of the cooperative missions of the American Board and the London Missionary Society. She will go to Durban to see the McCord Zulu Hospital where 72,917 patients were served in a recent year; will visit Miss Lavinia Scott of Inanda Seminary and will journey to Mt. Silinda in Southern Rhodesia where the Willis F. Pierce Memorial Hospital operates.

Victoria Falls, one of the scenic spots of the earth, will be a last "must" before Mrs. Gibson flies home from Leopoldville in the Belgian Congo, to New York City early in March 1957, having been around the world with the American Board.

A Boy for Bryant's

The Rev. and Mrs. Wm. B. Bryant formerly of Lawrence Plymouth announce the arrival of Mark Stephen on September 27.

DR. JOHN HENRY HORNUNG

Hornungs To Wichita

After seven years' ministry to the First Congregational Church at Hutchinson, Dr. and Mrs. Hornung will take up residence in Wichita, October 31st at 3614 Oneida. The Hornung's first "retired" in 1949 after more than 25 years leadership at Plymouth Church in Wichita. Since then they have had 7 busy years of church leadership at Hutchinson. Dr. Hornung's ministry covers 51 and one half years in only four churches: 12 and one half years in Grace Reformed Church in Toledo, Ohio; 7 years in Collinwood Cong'l Church in Cleveland, Ohio; 25 years at Wichita Plymouth and 7 and one half years at Hutchinson.

On their return to Wichita, John Henry and Martha have agreed to act as counselors for the Dunworkin' Club, a newly organized group in Plymouth Church. We wish them well in their semi-retirement, for they will never retire.

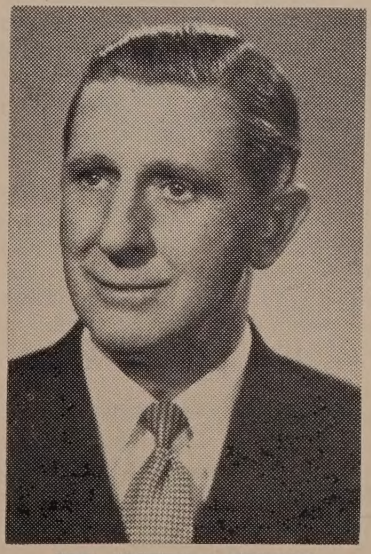
Topeka Central Expansion Program

At an all-church meeting on Sept. 19, Central Church voted unanimously to proceed at once with a $300,000.00 building program.

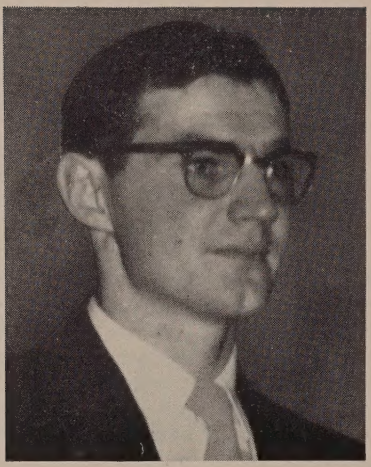
The Rev. Ned Burr McKenney said the program will include razing of the old chapel behind the present sanctuary, and rebuilding it as a chancel, a 100-seat chapel, pastor's study, Sheldon Memorial Room, and choir robing room; building a new front entrance and narthex for the sanctuary; and remodeling the gymnasium into educational facilities and a social hall.

The entire plant, except the top floor of the community house and the basement, will be air-conditioned.

Work will begin immediately with a completion date of 12 months. Services will be held in the gymnasium until the sanctuary work is complete, then the other parts of the work will proceed.



REV. JOSEPH G. MORGAN
New Minister - Eureka



ROBERT VOGT
New Wakefield Minister

C. E. Henry Ill

The Rev. C. E. Henry entered Trinity Lutheran Hospital in Kansas City in late August and underwent surgery there two weeks later. Word from him Sept. 24 indicated that improvement was slow and he would be there at least 10 days or two weeks longer.

Gift to Mayflower

The McPherson Junior Department contributed hymn books to our new Wichita church. Presentation was made by Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Bell on August 5th, the first Sunday in the Mayflower Church building.

Death of Chaplain

Major Edgar H. Winn, former minister of Kansas City First Pilgrim, died September 4 at the Air Force Station at Panama City, Florida where he was a chaplain. Mr. Winn came to our Kansas City church in 1949 and served until 1951 when he was called into the service as a reserve officer. He leaves his wife and a son, Charles, who is in the armed forces.

It's a Boy

Born to the Rev. and Mrs. David Railsback of Newton on July 17, David Haskel, Jr.

George Fisk To South Dakota

On September 26, the Rev. George Fisk presented his resiggnation to his congreation at Wichita Fairmount with the request that he be released by December first. Mr. Fisk has accepted a call to the First Conregational Church of Rapid City, South Dakota. This church with a slightly larger membership than Fairmount is in the process of relocation from downtown to a suburban area. The city is known as "the gateway to the Black Hills."

Mr. Fisk came to Fairmount Church in January, 1950 from Omaha where he was Associate Minister of the First Central Congregational Church for 3 years. During his years at Fairmount the church has had a net gain of more than 100 members, a new parsonage and new Religious Education unit have been completed and the total program of the church expanded.

Mr. Fisk has been active in the wider fellowship serving as secretary of the Wichita Extension Committee and as Director of Junior High camps. We wish for the Fisk's—George, Jean and their four children, the best in their new home and work.

Think Of It!

Whatever your income tax is, 80% of it is spent for the wars of yesterday, today and tomorrow.

FELLOWSHIP TOUR

Mrs. E. C. Garrison of Osborne, past president of Kansas Women's Fellowship, sailed from New York City on the Queen Elizabeth, September 26 with 23 other women, embarking on the first Women's Fellowship Tour. Mrs. Robert G. Williams, President of the Women's Fellowship of the International Congregational Council led the carefully selected group, representative of Congreational Christian women in America.

The group will visit women in the churches of England, Scotland, Wales, Holland, a refugee camp in Stuttgart, College Cevanol in France, Geneva, Paris, Venice, Florence, Rome and Naples, returning on the Queen Mary to dock in New York City on Nov. 13.

While there have been exchange visits of church, labor, professional and youth groups, this is the first tour of its kind with women of America visiting women of our fellowship overseas. The days will be crowded with conferences with church leaders, discussion groups, sight seeing, study and worship.

Southland Studies

Last spring Mrs. C. E. Georgeson of Lenora made the tour of our Home Mission projects in the southern states. She has colored slides and a story which she would be glad to share with groups whenever possible.

Conference Christian Education Committee

Mrs. F. C. Lanning Reporting

Leadership Education

A caravan of a few Kansans will go out in late November or early December with an informal program on Christian Education. Churches wishing to be included in this service should contact Mr. Orville Hepler at the State Office.

Plans are underway for a state-wide Christian Education workshop. Our national offices have offered the leadership of three persons with professional training. There will be follow-up services for churches participating in the workshop. Time and place will be announced later.

Materials and Aids Available

Newsletter: Mrs. C. E. Georgeson, Chairman of this committee, plans to compile a newsletter for describing Christian education plans, projects, materials and teaching aids. It will follow somewhat the pattern of "Tomorrow" put out by the Conference office in recent years. Church School Superintendents, ministers and others may ask Mr .Hepler to put their name on the mailing list.

Book-Kits: The committee cooperates with the Woman's Fellowship in circulating a book-kit containing a representative selection of some of the best books on Christian education and missions. You may borrow the kit by contacting your Association Christian Education Chairman for the Women's Fellowship or your local Key Woman.

Missionary Projects to Support

The Pilgrim Series Program Manual, (cuarterly-30 cents) has excellent suggestions on projects through which church school and youth groups can work.

Our National Women's Fellowship sends out listings, 287 Fourth Ave., New York 10, N. Y. of projects suitable for all age groups. Write to Marjory Martin, Friendly Service Secretary.

Write also to Rev. Ralph Shroder, 14 Beacon St., Boston, Mass., for suggestions.

Do you get **The Children's Letter** issued each month for children and children's workers. This letter written by people working with children on our Mission fields tells of how the children live, giving customs, food, games and religious experiences. Price $1.00 a year, address—Missions Council.

A Stewardship and Missionary Education Committee

Our committee is cooperating in promotion of the appointment of a stewardship and missionary education committee in each local church. Such a committee is greatly needed to help educate, vitalize and correlate the missionary program of the chrch. We urge that nominating committees in each church be asked to nominate such a committee representative of the church groups; trustees, Pilgrim Fellowship, Women's Fellowship, Church School, etc. Letters with suggestions for promoting this plan will be sent out to the local churches soon.

A Key to Better Religious Education

The Dover Federated Church held its first Leadership Education School during the second week in October, with thirty teachers and officers participating.

Dr. Elmer Kirkpatrick, minister of the church, taught the accredited course entitled, "The Pupils We Teach". This course takes six hours of class work and is planned to help parents, teachers and other leaders in the church to understand how children, youth and adults learn, and to help the leader discover abilities, interest, problems, and needs of the learner.

If you wish to set up such a school in your church, write to the Conference office for information .

Migrant Ministry Programs

Your Conference office has several new helps available for your programs on work with migrants, which is a special concern this year under "Missions - U.S.A." All are available for loan for payment of postage.

"Consider the Workers of the Field" —color filmstrip describing Migrant Ministry. Script for children and adults.

Four Plays about Migrants: "Humanity By the Carload", "The Bean Pickers" - "A Change of Heart" - "Strangers in a Strange Land."

"So You Want to Help Migrants" —a handbook for volunteers.

"Across the Country with the Migrants" - a packet of stories, pictures, poems, worship services and projects.

A New Book

"How a Small Church Can Have Good Christian Education" by Virgil Foster shows how to have a maximum program with minimum space and personnel - a guide book that will be helpful in any church, small or large, rural or urban.

Order a copy for your church.

Kansas Women's Fellowship

Mrs. Gordon Lancaster, President

"HEARTWARMERS"

The fall meetings have started and I had the pleasure of attending six in September. At four of these, newly elected presidents presided and it was heartwarming indeed to see that they assmed their duties with joy, altho one or two admitted their knees were shaking.

Before that, something happened in August. It was "heartwarming"

. . . to be among the thirteen members of Seaman Community Church to attend the Laymen's and Women's Conference at LaForet, Colorado. There were three husband and wife combinations, a small boy, and the rest were assorted grandmas, mothers, and aunts. Why not start planning now for a group from your church to spend a wonderful week in beautiful La Foret next year? Probable dates are August 11-18, 1957:

. . . to visit our Council Grove Fellowship and meet those present. Mrs. Donald Robertson accompanied me on this trip and we thoroughly enjoyed the covered-dish luncheon, the visit, and their meeting that followed. This was Mrs. Lloyd Roswurm's first meeting as President and we believe she will be a fine one;

. . . to visit the Whitewater fellowship for the second time and see Henrietta Lockwood present, "A Light in Dark Places," the devotional service to be found in the Missionary Education booklet of your packet. The Whitewater fellowship has a fine slate of officers, headed by Mrs. Troye Rose. I'm sure this fellowship has a meaningful year ahead. Mr. and Mrs. Levi Zimmerman invited me for dinner, overnight and breakfast the next morning. It was a privilege to know Levi and Mrs. "Zim" and be inspired by their Christian lives;

. . . to visit the Mayflower Circle in pretty Haven, Kansas. Their church, repaired and redecorated since the fire, is lovely. Lou Schoonover, newly elected, presided for her first time and had things well in hand. These ladies had a fine covered dish luncheon. There is a very real spirit of friendship at Haven and they are fortunate in another way; many young women are active members;

. . . to welcome 36 of the 39 members of the State Board for Kansas Fellowship of C. C. Women at our annual meeting at the State Parsonade, which is also the home of Superintendent and Ruth Rymph. It was such a record-breaking crowd that the parsonage couldn't sleep all who needed lodging, so Hepler's and Erickson's made room for nine. From eleven o'clock Monday the 17th, until eleven Tuesday, we prayed and planned. Ruth Rymph fed 40 of us a delicious fried chicken dinner and attended our sessions as counsellor and advisor. If there is a Board member near you, I suggest you ask her to give a report, at your Fellowship meeting;

. . . to attend a coffee at First Congregational Church in Topeka and see the lovely ladies model beautiful aprons which will be sold at their bazaar. It was a real pleasure to be with my Topeka neighbors;

. . . to go to our Ruby Avenue church in Kansas City for a one o'clock luncheon and see the fourth new president conduct her first meeting. In this case it was Mrs. Emmett Holland and she too made a fine start. These ladies

had been busy since ten o'clock that morning folding cancer dressings. Their year book indicates that they have studied their Packet and will have good programs this year, concerning our common concerns.

—Vera Lancaster

Scholarship Awards

At the meeting of the Executive Board of Kansas Women's Fellowship in mid-September, three scholarships were awarded to Kansas men preparing for Christion Life Service. The scholarships are made possible by Woman's Gift contributions from Kansas Congregational women.

The Rev. Harald Wisegarver in his first year at Andover Newton Seminary in Newton Centre, Mass., received $300.00. He is serving a student pastorate at Taunton, Mass. The Rev. Max Thomas in his second year at Pacific School of Religion was recipient of $300.00. Mr. Thomas is serving as Youth Worker in First Congregational Church at Berkeley under Dr. Vere Loper, in addition to his school work. The Rev. Dan Tyson who is finishing his work fo ra B. D. degree from P.S.R., late in November was awarded $100.00. The Rev. and Mrs. Tyson will take over leadership of the Smith Center-Athol parish December first.

We share a note from the Tyson's: "We find it quite impossible to express the dimension of our gratitude to the Women's Fellowship for their $100.00 gift toward our concluding seminary expenses. This gift is to us, in terms of our present situation, like unto the grace of God: i.e., unexpected, yet hoped for, unmerited, yet that for which we strive to be worthy - in actuality, our salvation. Now we can only give you our heartfelt thanks, but be assured that this expression of your love makes us the more eager to begin to share your ministry in the Kansas Conference. Dan and Fairy Tyson

Mission Books For Loan

There are 2 complete sets of the Mission Study Books for all ages in the Conference Office. These books can be borrowed for a two week period for payment of postage. Write Mrs. Orville Hepler, 1269 College Ave., Topeka.

Please

Order your Woman's Gift boxes and leaflets from Missions Council. 19 S. La Salle, Chicago or 287 Fourth Avenue, N. Y. City. Limited supply in Conference Office for rush orders.

In Memory

As evidence of the love and respect of those who knew them, the following names have been added to the Women's Fellowship Memorial Fund Roll of Honor.

Mrs. Dean F. Dakin
Mrs. John Curry
By Wichita Plymouth Women's Fellowship
Mrs. E. K. Lord
Pearl Taylor
Bessie Craig Jones
Miss Inez James
Mrs. John Samuel
By Emporia First Women's Fellowship
Mrs. Anna Bowman
By Sabetha Women's Fellowship
Mrs. L. N. Lewis
Mrs. R. L. Spalsbury
By Lawrence Women's Fellowship

SECOND ANNUAL WOMEN'S RETREAT

McPherson College June 3, 4 and 5, 1957

— *Begin Plans Now To Send Your Key Leaders* —

MRS. E. E. ERICKSON
General Retreat Chairman

MRS. W. E. LEHMBERG
Local Retreat Chairman

Woman's Gift

"Dux femina facti, Vergil" in latin means "do not underestimate the power of a woman". How well that applies to our Woman's Gift.

The Woman's Gift is a part of Our Christian World Mission, but is a plus gift which is used to support work which could not be done otherwise.

Thru this over and above gift, we women have a special means of "letting our light shine" before men within our own state, across the nation and around the world. We give in loving sacrifice and in gratitude.

Contributing to the Woman's Gift is our special way of showing our Christian stewardship. As stewards of God we are instruments of His peace and sharing His loving concern for all His children.

My three association chairmen and I have been very pleased over the response and enthusiasm for the use of Gift boxes and "Let Your Light Shine" leaflet. If for any reason you haven't your material yet, order it direct from The National Fellowship of Congregational Christian Women, 19 So. LaSalle St., Chicago 3, Ill. Our goal is the largest ever - $5500.00 but we can and will make it. Dedicate your gifts and send them to the Conference office.

Dorothea Waidley,
Woman's Gift Chairman

A Social Action Committee

Churches in rural communities frequently feel that a Social Action Program is not practical for them. Social Action's broad scope and problems on the national and state level seem of no immediate concern in the small agricultural community. Broadening influence and stimulation of thought are accepted as the S. A.'s apparent objective. This, however, is not the case. Wherever people are living together striving for Christian ideals and goals, there is a genuine need of a functioning S. A. program.

If there is one hungry child, one family in trouble, one serious social problem in your community, your church faces a challenge in the field of Social Action. In Lenora, Kansas, a small rural community, such a challenge brought about the organization of a Social Action Committee. Rev. John Becker and Mrs. Karl Leidig, local S. A. chairmen, organized this committee upon being faced with the problem of two hungry families in Lenora who technically did not qualify for welfare aid. The committee meets whenever any one of its members has some problems in our field called to his attention. Membership on the committee was determined by selecting the smallest number of people who represented the largest number of community organizations. For example, one business man on the committee, Mr. Karl Haferland, has an active part in the local Chamber of Commerce, the City Council, Laymen's Fellowship, and is a member of the Church Board of Trustees. Two teen age members represent the high school body, senior P. F., and the High School Sunday School class. Rev. Kenneth Prunty of Lenora's Church of God and Rev. Roger Shanks of the Methodist Church also serve on this committee. The other members are Miss Goldie Georgeson of the grade school faculty and Mr. Robert Smith, principal of the high school, and each active in many other civic organizations.

Our scope of business increased from obtaining help in the name of Christian neighbors for the mentioned needy families, to encouraging a local scholarship for a Lenora senior each year and the consideration of recreational facilities. Plans are now developing to circulate petitions for a much needed civic improvement. We also enjoy stimulating discussions such as when we met to consider the S. A. Draft Resolutions prior to the General Council. Helping neighbors with temporary rough sledding next winter won't be "charity" or disinterested welfare work, it will be simply a few warm acts of friendliness in Christian love. Whenever trouble comes, people want to help. A S. A. Committee affords a splendid channel for the activation of a community's best impulses. Lenora's committee feels that it has made good accomplishments and we appreciate the cooperation of our town's other denominations.

You who boast, "no problems" be sure to read your September Workshop in which Dr. Herman Reissig discusses that situation. Also don't overlook the wealth of stimulated thinking available through the Social Action Magazine.

If you feel your town is too small for a Social Action Committee, organize one anyway. You'll be amazed at how greatly that committee was needed all along!

Mrs. Karl Leidig, Lenora
Conference Social Action
Committee Member

Kansas Pilgrim Fellowship

Dick Williams, President **Sibyl Riekenberg, Secretary**

SIBYL RIEKENBERG
State Secretary

Orchids to Sibyl

All by herself she put out the first Newsletter - "Fellowship Flashes" to bring you news from the Officers' Planning Conference, the associations and local groups. It was a big job and we truly appreciate her efforts. Let's join in the "official" for our loyal State Secretary.

Mound City

Coreen Simpson of Mound City reports that their Youth Fellowship has recently completed building a fireplace and picnic table in the church yard. Rev. Chas. Baar is the Minister.

Scholarship

Your officers voted a $300.00 scholarship to Dave Cutting, Kansas Pilgrim preparing for the Christian ministry at Doane College. Here is his response:

"Boy, did I have a pleasant surprise this morning. I went over to the business office to make some arrangements about my fees and found I had been given a $300.00 scholarship by Kansas P.F. It seemed too good to be true, but I can sure use it. I had about $300.00 saved which would have gotten me through the first semester, but had about decided I'd have to drop out and work the second semester. Now I think I can make it. Love, Dave"

Just Around the Corner

Saturday, October 20th is the ninth annual WORK DAY FOR CHRIST. Since the program's inception in 1948, the Work Days have produced a total of more than $100,000.00.

More than 900 P. F. groups across the country last year earned more than $40,000.00. A floor scrubbed in Russell provided money for a hospital overseas; leaves raked in Lawrence added to the interracial social center Westside Christian Parish in Chicago; a baby lovingly attended by a teenager at Partridge added its mite to our American Board work in Micronesia; cars washed at Wichita Fairmount made possible a scholarship for study at Dillard University. Every penny is donated to needy causes through Our Christian World Mission.

Is your group organized and ready to go? Work Day for Christ is just around the corner!

Send your gifts immediately to Kansas Pilgrim Fellowship, 923 Kansas Avenue, Topeka, so your church can be listed on a chart being prepared for the Senior Statewide Rally, November 2 and 3.

Reporting For Western

July Steinle—Secretary

Our Rally at Great Bend on Sunday, September 9 with Dave Felton, Western President as host, was a huge success - the largest we can remember in Western, with 160 present representing 12 churches.

Kinsley P.F. was in charge of the opening mixer. Guest Groups for Seniors were: Christian Action led by Cindy Ewing; Christian Faith led by Dave Felton and Christian Fellowship by Judy Steinle.

Junior Hi groups were led by Hans Poppe, Paul Davis and Henry E. Wright. At dinner, singing was featured and groups were introduced.

Following the movie, "The Secret of the Gift," the offering for Chicago Westside Christian Parish was dedicated by Dave Felton, with a simple but beautiful prayer.

Southern Week-End Work Camp

Roger Poppe, Secretary Reporting

A group of Southern Pilrims experienced a labor of love on Sept. 28-30 for our newest church—Wichita Mayflower. We put out a letter asking each church to send at least one worker as early as possible Friday the 28th. The young people were asked to come not only to work, but to bring tools and prepare their own meals and pay for them too. Saturday was spent painting and landscaping at the new Mayflower building at Galena and Laura. Uncle Chuck Burns, Southern Sponsor guided the project.

Statewide Senior Rally At Emporia November 2 and 3

A wonderful program has been set up by your Kansas P. F. Central Committee for the 8th Annual Senior Rally. Uncle Steve Williams and his people always offer the warmest of hospitality and with our genial Dick Williams, State President at the helm this year's get-to-gether should be "the most."

Uncle Dave Turner will bring the Keynote address. There will be workshop groups on each of the three commissions. Singing, recreation and a P.F. Assembly will remind us of Wa-Shun-Ga.

Inspiration, information and fellowship will be featured from the registration hour at 1:30 Friday to 1:30 Saturday when the signal is "Homeward Bound!"

Announcing

Wa-Shun-Ga Camp Dates for 1957 are:

Senior Camp - May 26 - June 1 (11th & 12th grades)

Middler Camp - June 2 - June 8 (9th & 10th grades)

Junior Hi Camp - June 9 - June 15 (7th & 8th grades)

CHRISTIAN ACTION GOAL
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Send in Your CHRISTIAN ACTION PLEDGE
Participate in WORK DAY FOR CHRIST
This is our Largest Goal To Date
Let's Make That Goal!

REV. LOUIS F. SUEDMEYER

New Staff Member

The Kansas Council of Churches presents the Rev. Suedmeyer, as Director of Evangelism for the Council. This new position was made possible by a grant of $10,000 from the Layman's Fund for Evanelism left by the late E. V. Moorman of Quincy, Illinois.

In addition to giving executive leadership, Mr. Suedmeyer will promote and administer community programs such as Teaching and Preaching Missions and Visitation Evangelism programs.

Former Minister Visits

Tonganoxie welcomed the Rev. Archie Toothaker, former pastor, back to their church service on Sept. 9. Mr. Toothaker served the Tonganoxie Church more than 20 years before retiring in 1953 to make his home in San Diego, California.

Laymen At Topeka

Registered for the Third Annual Laymen's Churchmanship Workshop were 188 men representing 38 Kansas churches:

Anthony—4; Carbondale—2; Council Grove—2; Dover—2; Downs—4; Emporia 1st—1; Garden City—2; Hutchinson 6; K. C. First Pilgrim—2; KC Rosedale—5; KC Ruby—3; KC Welborn—12; Kinsley—1; Lawrence Plymouth—4; Lenora—5; Little River—2; McPherson—6; Maize—4; Manhattan—8; Muscotah—3; Onaga—1; Osborne—3; Russell—6; Sabetha—7; Sedgwick—1; Seneca—1; Stanley—5; Tonganoxie—3; Topeka Central—7; Topeka First—35; Topeka Seabrook—9; Topeka Seaman—10; Towanda—3; Wheaton—5; Whitewater—4; Wichita Fairmount—3; Wichita Pilgrim—1; Wichita Plymouth—1.

The Every Member Canvass Clinic on Saturday evening under the leadership of the Rev. T. K. "Tommy" Thompson of New York City was packed with information, ready wit, and helpful suggestions. In summarizing his thoughts he gave five vital areas of concern in a Stewardship Program: Men, Money, Methods, the Ministry and Missions.

The growing concern of our laymen is a hopeful sign for manpower is an imperative in the Christian Church. The business of the church has been left too often to the minister and the women. The Lord never meant it to be this way. The attendance and interest in the Topeka meeting attests to the fact that the men of our churches are ready to accept their part in the total program of the church.

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Russell Parsonage Dedication

Following a church dinner on Sunday, Sept. 2, the new Russell parsonage was dedicated in an impressive service which included: Blessing of the Door of Entrance by Richard Shields, Chairman of the Building Committee; Blessing of the Living Room and Study by the Rev. Hans Poppe; Blessing of the Kitchen and Dining Room by Mrs. Hans Poppe; Blessing of the Sleeping Rooms by Mr. Poppe; Blessing of the Church School Rooms by Phillip Berschauer, Church School Supt.; a charge to the minister and his family by Paul Morris, chairman of the Deacon's, and a charge to the people of the church by Ralph Ewing. Moderator.

More than 400 people attended the Open House which followed the Dedication. The parsonage, built at a cost of about $30,000.00 is completly air-conditioned. Its 3600 square feet of floor space include several church school class rooms.

Because many friends did not get in for the Open House on Sept. 2, a second invitation was extended on September 16.

In The News

Our October, 1955 issue of Congregational Kansas carried stories and pictures of the tragic fire at Lawrence Plymouth on September 10 last year. This October we are happy to announce Open House and Dedication of the rebuilt unit and a reception for the Rev. and Mrs. James Ewing, on September 30.

A lovely chapel is included in the rebuilt unit in addition to spacious Church School rooms. In memory of their son, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Althaus installed a Baldwin electronic organ in the new chapel which remains open daily for prayer and meditation.

The balcony of the sanctuary has been extended making possible 300 additional seats for the Sunday morning service. Even with this added space which brings the seating capacity to 1000, a layman reported to us that people were turned away from the eleven o'clock service on September 23. The influence for good of this great church can not be measured.